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Democrats throw caution to the wind in haste to pass new \$2 billion tax scheme

Super majority ignores amendments by Republicans in sending hidden sales tax to House floor

SALEM, Oregon – Democrats have sent a massive, convoluted \$2 billion tax scheme to the House floor with many questions still unanswered for how it works. The 82-page bill has the familiar stench of a sales tax, so often rejected by Oregon voters. Yet, Democrats recklessly raced HB 3427 through committee without regard to the working class, whose cost of living will soar, or the mom and pop shop owners so cruelly lumped together with Fortune 500 companies.

Transparency was nowhere to be found in the process with amendments hidden from the public until a few hours before the committee vote. While favored special interests were exempted from this hidden sales tax, entrepreneurs will bear its brunt.

Moreover, Democrats ignored Republican amendments, rendering their 1.4 million constituents in 31 counties voiceless. A Republican leadership request to hold statewide hearings on the new tax scheme was denied. Such a blatantly tyrannical approach is neither transparent nor equitable for Oregonians who expect their elected representatives' voices to be heard.

“Oregonians deserve more than an ill-considered \$2 billion new hidden sales tax that will cost them dearly,” said House Republican Leader Carl Wilson (R-Grants Pass). “There is no reason for Democrats to rush a bill through with over two months left in the session. This will cost working families almost every time they buy a product or service.”

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